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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA -- SECOND COMMITTEE -- ITEM 60(A) DISASTER

RELIEF

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION PROVIDED MISOFF BY BANGLADESH
FOR ITEM 60(A). SITUATION IN SECOND COMMITTEE
UNCLEAR AT THE MOMENT, BUT IT APPEARS THAT THIS RES
WILL BE INTRODUCED MONDAY, NOV. 4, POSSIBLY ON FRIDAY NOV.
1. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

2. QUOTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NOTING WITH CONCERN THAT VAST AREAS OF BANGLADESH HAVE
RECENTLY BEEN RAVAGED BY FLOODS OF AN UNPRECEDENTED MAGNITUDE
CAUSING SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE, PROPERTY AND SEVERE DAMAGE
TO THE ECONOMY OF BANGLADESH.

NOTING IN PARTICULAR THE DESTRUCTION CAUSED TO STANDING CROPS,
SEEDLINGS AND STORED RESERVES OF FOODGRAIN AGGRAVATING THEREBY
THE EXISTING SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS WHICH HAS LED TO NEAR
FAMINE CONDITIONS IN BANGLADESH.

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RECOGNIZING THAT NATURAL DISASTERS CONSTITUTE A DEVELOPMENT

PROBLEM OF GREAT MAGNITUDE REQUIRING MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR THE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF SUCH CALAMITIES.

ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT FOR DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES LIKE BANGLADESH THE COST OF DAMAGE WROUGHT ANNUALLY BY NATURAL DISASTERS OFTEN EXCEEDS THE NET INFLOW OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

RECALLING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ON ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTERS, PARTICULARLY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2816(XXVI) OF 14 DECEMBER 1971, 2959(XXVII) OF 12 DECEMBER 1972 AND 3152(XXVIII) OF 14 DECEMBER 1973 AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1891(LVII) OF 31 JULY 1974.

RECALLING FURTHER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202(S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, PARTICULARLY SECTION X THEREOF REGARDING THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

BEARING IN MIND THAT ASSISTANCE EXTENDED TO MEMBER-STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH HAVE SUFFERED NATURAL DISASTERS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE IS AN EXPRESSION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY EMBODIED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO BANGLADESH BY MANY GOVERNMENTS, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR.

FURTHER NOTING THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH TO ALLEVIATE THE HARDSHIPS SUFFERED BY THE VICTIMS OF THE FLOOD AND IN PARTICULAR ITS EFFORTS TO SECURE CRITICAL SUPPLIES OF FOODGRAINS DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1974.

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1. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH ON THE LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE RECENT FLOOD DISASTER.

2. EXPRESSED ITS DEEP GRATITUDE TO ALL GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR PROVIDING PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE DURING THE EMERGENCY PHASE.

3. URGES ALL MEMBER-STATES IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO CONTINUE AND IF POSSIBLE INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS AND COOPERATION FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF OPERATIONS AS ALSO TO HELP IMPLEMENT MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM MEASURES FOR REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS.

4. INVITES ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PARTICULARLY THOSE MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES TO ALL ENDEAVOURS MADE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF ORGANISATION IN MOBILISING RELIEF ASSISTANCE AS ALSO TO RESPOND URGENTLY TO ANY REQUEST MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PHASE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF EMERGENCY MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.

5. EXPRESSES ITS DESIRE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER AND URGENTLY RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH MIGHT SUBMIT IN CONNECTION WITH ITS IMMEDIATE, MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMMES.

6. CALLS UPON ALL MEMBER-STATES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CONCERNED TO RESPOND URGENTLY IN PARTICULAR TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH MAY MAKE WITH REGARD TO MEASURES WITHIN ITS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PRE-DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND

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